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In re the Application of

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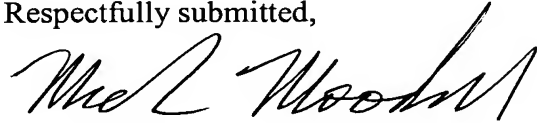
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Sir:

Applicant thanks Examiner Nolan for the November 24 telephone interview wherein Applicant requested that Examiner Nolan return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 6, 2004. According to the request of Examiner Nolan, Applicant attaches herewith a copy of that Information Disclosure Statement as filed, along with the stamped filing receipt. Because a Notice of

Allowance was mailed for this application on November 9, 2004, Applicant requests that Examiner Nolan consider the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed PTO-1449 as soon as possible.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of references 1-2 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 2-3)
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

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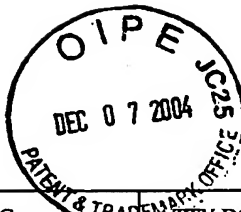
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	5,255,987	10/26/1993	MIZUNO et al.		

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	2	JP A 3-7371 w/ abst	01/14/1991	Japan		
	3	JP B2 3182802 w/ abst & trans	04/27/2001	Japan		

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


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